

FEB. 15. 2006 10:35AM  
TO: USPTO

7635146982 MEDTRONIC

RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

NO. 9728 P. 1

FEB 15 2006

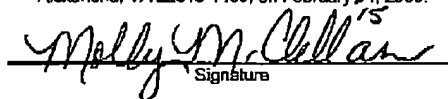
PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re Application of: LECKRONE et al.  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTRA-PERICARDIAL ACCESS  
Serial No.: 10/606,909  
Filed: 06/26/2003  
Docket No.: P8030.03

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §1.8. I hereby certify that the paper(s)  
(6 total) as described herein are being sent to telefacsimile No. (571) 273-8300,  
MAIL STOP AF, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on February 14, 2006.

  
Signature  
MOLLY MCCLELLAN  
Printed Name

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450


Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

X SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

- ☐ Applicant requests a \_\_\_\_-month extension of time to respond to the \_\_\_\_ dated \_\_\_\_  
from \_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_.
- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2546 \$ \_\_\_\_ for extension of time and \$ \_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_, for a  
TOTAL OF \$ \_\_\_\_ .00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies, and credit any  
overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.
- ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of time is required. However, if an extension of time is required,  
please consider this a petition therefor to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently  
overlooked the need for an extension of time. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any  
deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 13-2546.

February 15, 2006  
Date

  
Michael C. Soldner, Reg. No. 41,455  
Telephone: (763) 514-4842  
Customer No. 27581

FEB 15 2006

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Michael E. Leckrone et al. Examiner: Ho, Uyen T.  
Serial No. 10/606,909 Group Art: 3731  
Filing Date: June 26, 2003 Docket No.: P8030.03  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVIDING INTRA-  
PERICARDIAL ACCESS

---

**SECOND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

MAIL STOP AF  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed January 20, 2006, please enter the following Second Amendment After Final in response to the final office action mailed October 20, 2005, having a three month statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2006. A request for a one month extension of time is included herein, extending the period for response to February 20, 2006.

The presently pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.